Central Government within the ceiling of administrative expenses prescribed.

(e) NREGA is a demand-driven programme. The Act guarantees 100 days of wage employment to every rural household to do unskilled manual work on demand. Thus, it is a continuous process and no time frame can be fixed for completion of the process.

Strengthening voluntary sectors in areas of rural development

3462. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a national policy to strengthen the voluntary sector especially in areas of rural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to strengthen the relationship between institutions of local self Governance and voluntary organizations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Upgradation of roads under PMGSY in Karnataka

3463. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for release of assistance for Phase-I and Phase-II of PMGSY for upgradation of roads in various districts of the State; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Centre's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is under implementation in Karnataka since 2000-01. For Phases I and II, a sum of Rs. 105.64